

Supplement to the Punta Gorda Herald.

PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, MAY 16, 1902

Ordinance No. 37.

An Ordinance to Prohibit Breaking and Entering Private or Public Buildings,

Be it ordained by the Council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida:

That any person who shall break or enter without leave any house or building belonging to or in the lawful possession of another, or shall break or attempt to break any jail, calaboose or building belonging to the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, or shall rescue or attempt to rescue or get out of jail any person in the custody of the officers of said town, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction be fined by any sum not less than twenty nor more than three hundred dollars, and shall stand committed to jail until the fine and costs are paid, not to exceed sixty days.

All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed by the Council in session this 1st day of October, A. D., 1901.

B. Bassett, President Council.
A. C. Freeman, Mayor.
W. B. Hardee, Town Clerk.

Ordinance No. 36.

An Ordinance in Relation to Harvey Park, Its Use and Improvement, and Granting Riparian Rights.

Whereas, the council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida, at a previous meeting appointed a committee to confer with Isaac H. Frayne and Perry W. McAdow in relation to the use, occupation and improvement of Harvey Park, and said committee has now made its report and presented a contract which they have negotiated, now therefore

Be it ordained by the Council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida:

That the said contract be approved and ratified and the president of the council, the clerk of said town and the mayor, be and they are authorized to complete said contract by signing and countersigning the same.

2. That said McAdow be authorized and empowered to improve the water front of said park, erect a breakwater and such docks and boat houses on the front of such park, or in Charlotte Harbor as he shall desire, and shall leave all such permanent improvements as he shall erect on the park and on the water front thereof, when his contract expires, as the property of the said town without claiming or being entitled to any compensation or remuneration therefor.

All ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof are repealed.

Passed by Council this 1st day of October, A. D., 1901.

B. Bassett, President Council.
A. C. Freeman, Mayor.
Attest: W. B. Hardee, Town Clerk.

Ordinance No. 34.

An Ordinance in Relation to Keeping Streets, Alleys and Lots Clean.

Be it ordained by the Council of the town of Punta Gorda, Florida:

Section 1. That it shall be the duties of all owners, keepers or occupants or both, of lots in the town of Punta Gorda, to keep their sides walks, gutters, streets, alleys, privies, cesspools as well as such lots, clean. That such owners or occupants shall clean up the sidewalks, gutters, streets to the center and alleys to the center adjoining the lot or lots, privies and cesspools as well as the lot or lots they may own or occupy; and shall keep the same clean in the future from all garbage, rubbish or refuse of any kind; that they shall clean them up immediately on the publication of this ordinance, and clean them up as above directed at least once a month in the future, and clean privies and cesspools at least once a week.

2. That any person or persons who shall fail, neglect or refuse to keep his or her or their privies and surroundings clean, as directed by this ordinance, then it shall be the duty of the sanitary committee to have the same cleaned up and kept clean and shall send a bill of the cost and expense for so doing to the mayor whose duty it shall be to see promptly to the collection of the same by suit or otherwise.

3. That any person failing or neglecting or refusing to keep said lots, sidewalks, streets, alleys, gutters, privies and cesspools as herein above required, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction, be fined not less than three dollars nor more than ten dollars, and shall pay such sum as it shall cost the town, to do such cleaning up, or be imprisoned in the jail of the town not exceeding sixty days, or by fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the mayor.

4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Passed by Council this 1st day of October, A. D., 1901.

B. Bassett, President Council.
A. C. Freeman, Mayor.
W. B. Hardee, Town Clerk.

SPRINKLING SINGAPORE.

The Solemn Procession That Accompanies the Watering Cart.

Poultney Bigelow in his description of the marvelous progress made by the city of Singapore under English rule gave a quaint picture of the manner in which the streets are watered:

The watering cart was drawn by little white bullocks and driven by Malays with turbans. It seemed to take five Malays to do this driving. One roosted aloft on top of the barrel for the purpose of controlling the outgo of water. He seemed very proud of his appointment. Another native in a big turban roosted on the pole and controlled the little cattle.

Then there was a man in thin brown legs and much turban who walked solemnly behind enjoying a footbath. He was obviously a government functionary, although his exact sphere of usefulness I could not discover. He appeared to be something in the nature of a rear guard.

Then there was a "foreloper," or advance guard, for the purpose of clearing the way. There appeared to be an idea that the little bullocks might suddenly go mad and rush ahead. At any rate, it gave congenial employment to one more native, and that was something.

There was yet another, who bent down now and then to pick up a piece of stone or brush away some irregularity unseen by ordinary eyes.

This outfit was a treat to me. It was solemn; it was full of self consciousness; it was magnificently oriental.

I have seen men in sublime moments; I have seen the red capped station master of Germany strut up and down his platform when an imperial train was about to arrive, but even that impressed me less than the watering cart of Singapore, with its municipal hierarchy of Malay ministers, each earning perhaps 2 cents a day.

Soothing.

Li Hung Chang had beyond all doubt an iron will and a very unsentimental heart. Once when he was viceroy of Chili a man who had tampered with a telegraph wire was brought before him. The man wrung his hands and begged for mercy, saying that he would never touch the wire again.

"Don't be vexed, my good fellow," said Li, "or trouble yourself any further about the matter. I shall take care that it does not happen again."

Then he turned to the jailers and gave the order, "Cut off his head!"

Nice For Lovers.

"If I am not too presumptuous," said the young clerk, "I will ask you to look at our new typewriter especially adapted for writing love letters."

"Oh," exclaimed the blushing maid, "is there any difference?"

"Yes, indeed! Among the punctuation points there is a little star for marking kisses."—Philadelphia Record.

REED DIDN'T WANT IT.

Story of a Revolver and a Stormy Scene in Congress.

"When Mr. Reed was making the parliamentary fight which resulted in the adoption of the Reed rules for counting a quorum in the Fifty-first congress," said a veteran representative, "the violence of debate was greater than at any time since reconstruction days. Toward the close of the struggle General Joe Wheeler of Alabama had mounted his desk and was making remarks which members of both sides thought might end in violence.

"Several of his colleagues were standing near by, angry, flushed, under their breath declaring that it was time to 'pull the speaker out of the chair.' Mr. Reed's partisans were just as hot and crowded to the 'well' to be ready if any muscle were needed. Confusion reigned in the entire house."

"Right in the thick of it Representative Martin of Texas made his way to the steps leading to the speaker's seat and, lifting his coat tails, showed to Mr. Reed the butt end of a revolver protruding from a hip pocket.

"Do you want it?" asked Martin.

"Just then the little orator from Alabama, with clinched fist, shouted at Mr. Reed: 'Your ruling is the most damnable ever made in your chair. It is nothing short of revolution. It ought to bury you so deep that Gabriel's trumpet won't waken you.'"

"Mr. Reed leaned over then and replied to Martin, with his usual drawl: 'No, not yet. The gentleman has simply risen to a question of order and is now stating it.'"

Wrong Presumption.

Visitor—Am I right in presuming that it was your passion for strong drink that brought you here?

Prisoner—Say, boss, I guess yer don't know dis joint. It's de last place on eart' I'd come ter if I wuz lookin' fer booze.—Judge.

Not Put Out.

I was not successful in the attempt to eject the cook from my house.

But what nettled me was the unruffled demeanor of the woman.

"You might at least have the good breeding to act 'put out,'" I cried and left the kitchen, slamming the door behind me.—Puck.

The Forbearing Dog.

"A good dog is the best friend a man can have," remarked the tobaccoist to the wooden Indian. "When you get sick, he doesn't tell you what to take, and when you get well he doesn't tell you how much worse he had the same disease."—Syracuse Herald.

In a Dublin paper some time since was a biographical notice of Robespierre which concluded as follows: "This extraordinary man left no children behind him except one brother, who was killed at the same time."